

Isle of Palms Police Department
Weekly Crime Report for February 27 – March 4, 2012

Case Synopsis

February 27: Monday

A victim reported that unknown person(s) stole the South Carolina license plate from her vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of her 32nd Avenue residence.

February 29: Wednesday

An officer was dispatched to a residence on 49th Avenue in reference to a complaint of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with a white, male subject who advised the officer that he had been hired by the homeowner to paint the interior of the residence. Through further investigation, it was determined that the individual did not possess an Isle of Palms business license, and had an outstanding warrant out of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (Contempt of Court). The subject was detained and charged with the business license offense prior to being transported to a predetermined meeting place with a Charleston County Sheriff's Office Deputy.

March 2: Friday

A victim reported that he had posted an employment advertisement on craigslist, advertising his services as a handyman and painter. The victim advised the reporting officer that he received an email from a female subject with the name of Sharon Chapman, wanting to hire him to clean her residence and complete a number of chores for her. Through a series of emails with Chapman, it was agreed upon that she would have her accountant authorize a check and have it delivered to the victim. Chapman requested that the victim wire the majority of the money to an alleged furniture company in New Mexico and a portion to an address in Maine, which he did. Several days after the victim deposited the check in his account and wired the requested cash amounts to the aforementioned locations, he was contacted by his financial institution and made aware that they were pursuing charges against him for being in possession of and passing fraudulent checks. The victim advised his bank of the situation and attempted to contact Chapman. Chapman never returned his emails. The victim, consequently, conducted a Google search for Sharon Chapman, which produced information regarding craigslist alerts for passing fraudulent checks.

Service Calls

Day of Week with the most activity: Tuesday
Patrol Zone with the most activity: Ocean Boulevard and J.C. Long Boulevard to 14th Avenue
Time of Day with most activity: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
Number of Incident Reports: 30
Number of Calls for Service: 889
Number of Arrests: 14